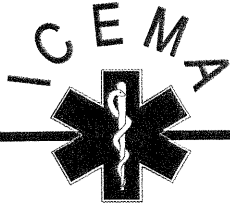


# INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY



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December 12, 2005

TO: All EMS Air Ambulance Providers  
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All Hospitals

FROM: Virginia Hastings, Executive Director  
Conrad Salinas, M.D., Medical Director

SUBJECT: **CLARIFICATIONS: NEW EMERGENCY AIR AMBULANCE  
DESTINATION POLICY  
REFERENCE 14054 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 5, 2005**

We have been requested to clarify areas of "specialized categories" in the above referenced emergency policy:

**REMINDER: IMPLEMENTATION OF REFERENCE 14054 DOES NOT  
PRECLUDE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PARAMEDICS TO  
CONTACT A TRAUMA BASE HOSPITAL FOR PATIENT  
CARE DIRECTIONS**

**Specialized Categories – The rotation of trauma hospital destination may not be appropriate for the following patient categories and the base hospital will determine destination:**

- Contact ARMC for burns meeting trauma triage criteria.
- The base hospital will direct trauma hospital destination for pediatric trauma patients (14 years and younger), severe chest trauma meeting trauma triage criteria, and amputations (Reference 8010 and Reference 8012).

**ADDITIONALLY:**

- Patient requests will be honored in accordance with Protocol Reference #14009.
- If possible, all family members involved in an incident should be transported to the same facility.

- If the closest trauma center is outside San Bernardino County (Kern County, Arizona or Nevada) destination will be determined by the base hospital and not the County Communications Center.
- This Air Ambulance destination policy should be followed by aircraft with physicians on board; however, to change destination, the physician shall consult with the base hospital and shall notify the County Communications Center.

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cc: Director of Public Health  
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November 29, 2005

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SUBJECT: **NEW EMS AIR AMBULANCE DESTINATION POLICY**

Attached is Reference 14054, "EMS Air Ambulance Destination Policy" which becomes effective on **DECEMBER 5, 2005, at 0800.**

You will note that, except in specialized transport needs, all air ambulances will receive a trauma hospital destination at the time they are dispatched by the San Bernardino County Communications Center.

This new policy is being implemented as an emergency policy and will be reviewed in 90 days.

Questions may be directed to Sarah Momsen, 909-388-5831, or to Virginia Hastings at 909-388-5830.

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Attachment: Reference 14054

c: Director of Public Health  
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## EMS AIR AMBULANCE DESTINATION POLICY

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### PURPOSE

To establish criteria for the destination of EMS Air Ambulances dispatched by San Bernardino County Communication Center

### AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, Chapter 4 Chapter 5 and Chapter 6, Article 2.5, and Division 9, Chapter 8, of the California Code of Regulations

### POLICY

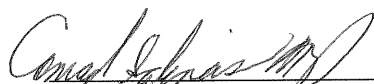
1. All EMS Air Ambulance requests from the field in San Bernardino County will be dispatched by the San Bernardino County Communications Center.

At time of dispatch, San Bernardino County Communications Center will determine patient destination, based on the following:

- a. Destination will rotate between ARMC and LLUMC for all trauma patients **not included in 2a – i listed below.**
  - b. Trauma diversion will alter the rotation between trauma hospitals.
  - c. Cancellation of EMS Air Ambulances in route will not alter rotation.
  - d. Air Ambulance crews will notify San Bernardino County Communication Center if the patient fits into the specialized categories below.
2. For the specialized categories noted below, patient destination will be as follows:
    - a. All burn patients will be directed to the designated Burn Center, ARMC as determined by field assessment that burn center care is appropriate.
    - b. Pediatric trauma patients (14 years of age and younger) will be directed to the designated Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, LLUMC
    - c. Patients with possible Cardio-thoracic trauma as determined by mechanism of injury and field assessment will be directed to LLUMC
    - d. Patients requiring re implantation will be directed to LLUMC
    - e. Patient request will be honored in accordance with Protocol Reference #14009 Radio Communication
    - f. If possible, all family members involved in an incident should be directed to the same facility.
    - g. If closest trauma center is outside of San Bernardino County, (Kern County, Arizona or Nevada) destination will be determined by base hospital.
    - h. Patients who have cardiac arrest en-route will be directed to the closest appropriate facility
    - i. Air Ambulances with physicians on board will get destination from the San Bernardino County Communications Center, however, if in the judgment of the physician, the destination should be changed, the physician may change destination in consultation with the base hospital and notify the San Bernardino County Communications Center.

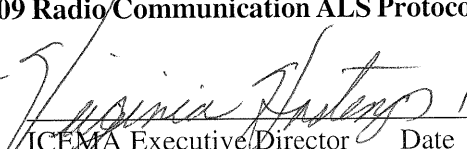
**NOTE: This emergency policy will replace Protocol Reference #14009 Radio Communication ALS Protocol #9**

APPROVED:

  
EMS Medical Director

Date

*Apr 29, 2005*

  
ICEMA Executive Director

Date

*11/24/05*